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Identical letters dated 3 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from our Government, we should like to inform you that we reject the baseless allegations made against Jordan in the identical letters dated 28 June 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (S/2015/488), in which he sets out the position of his regime regarding Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014) and 2191 (2014).

Since the start of the Syrian crisis, Jordan has expressed its complete solidarity with the Syrian people as it confronts the ever-worsening humanitarian crisis. Jordan will remain at the forefront of those States that continue to strive assiduously to alleviate their suffering by facilitating the entry into Syria of relief supplies destined for civilians, in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, which Jordan helped to draft and build an international consensus for when it was a member of the Security Council. Jordan continues to bear the heavy burden of hosting an ever-increasing number of Syrian refugees, the majority of whom are women and children, notwithstanding its limited capacities and resources, and despite having to contend with the repercussions of many of the conflicts in the region.

Contrary to the accusations made by the Syrian regime, Jordan has built a strong partnership with United Nations humanitarian agencies since the start of the Syrian crisis and has sought to facilitate their work, so that they can provide assistance to Syrian refugees, whether in the refugee camps or inside Syria, through the mechanisms established pursuant to the relevant Security Council resolutions. In that connection, Jordan commends the efforts of those agencies and the objectivity of the Secretary-General's reports regarding the implementation of the resolutions.

Those reports have conveyed to the world the miserable humanitarian conditions in Syria that have been caused by the Syrian regime's barbaric practices, including attacks against Syrian civilians using barrel bombs and deadly arms.

The Syrian regime continues to commit grave violations of international humanitarian law and human rights, thereby fuelling terrorism and extremism in Syria and threatening the region and the entire world. As Jordan and influential regional and international actors continue to cooperate constructively with the United Nations in its ongoing efforts to arrive at a political settlement to the crisis, the Syrian regime continues to level baseless accusations against Jordan and other States, instead of responding in a positive manner to the efforts aimed at bring about security and stability in Syria. The repetition of those inflammatory accusations and of the false and misleading narrative regarding what is happening in Syria reflects the isolation of the Syrian regime and its lack of desire and political will to arrive at a political solution to the crisis. Indeed, that repetition is aimed at distracting attention from its practices against innocent civilians, which it justifies on the grounds of countering terrorism.

Jordan reaffirms that it has consistently combated terrorism and extremism in all their forms and manifestations, whatever their source, because they are contrary to religious and moral teachings and values. Jordan also reiterates that it has unwaveringly fought against terrorism and extremism, and that all of its institutions will continue to confront terrorism comprehensively by stepping up their efforts and by coordinating and consulting with regional and international actors to consolidate security and stability in the region. Jordan condemns the vain efforts by the Permanent Representative of Syria to have the baseless allegations against Jordan taken seriously, when Jordan has long stood as an example of how to combat terrorism at all levels.

Lastly, we should like to once again call on the international community to deal firmly and swiftly with the Syrian regime in order to ensure compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2199 (2015), the resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolution 69/189, and international humanitarian law and human rights principles.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 68 (c) and 107, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dina **Kawar**
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